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For: CARDIAC MUSCLE FUNCTION AND
MANIPULATION

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Communication dated September 9, 2004, for which a response was due on October 9, 2004. Submitted herewith is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the time to file a response until December 9, 2004.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Enclosed is the following exhibit:

Exhibit A: U.S. Patent No. 5,367,060.